



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/01/22** To **31/12/22**

Charity name: **The Nottingham Bridge Club**

Charity registration number: **1170537**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1) The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Nottingham and the surrounding area. 2) The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Nottingham and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In planning our activities for the year, the trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee's meetings. Our focus can be broken down into the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide regular sessions at which bridge can be played thus promoting the game of bridge</li><li>• Make the club as welcoming and friendly as possible to attract more players. The club provides a destination for bridge players of all abilities, many of whom are elderly. The club therefore is a place in the community for social interaction, as well as allowing for the mental stimulation (and associated medical benefits) that bridge has been shown to provide.</li><li>• Encourage new players through the provision of lessons and other educational initiatives.</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Confirmed

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The CIO is entirely run by volunteers – both those serving as trustees and a large number of people whose contribution perhaps goes under the radar. The contribution of all volunteers is greatly appreciated – without their time and effort the CIO would not be able to function and certainly would not be the success it is.
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<b>Face-to-face play</b>  We have run four face-to-face drives each week. The Wednesday evening gentle ACOL drives have proved particularly successful, building up to a peak of nine tables.  A total of 193 players took part in at least one drive, compared with 144 last year.  Three teams of four sessions, including one Swiss teams event, were held during the year and these will continue in 2023.  <b>Online play</b>  We ran two drives on BBO each week although the decision was taken at the end of the year to discontinue the Saturday evening drive, which generally attracted no more than four tables.  A total of 90 players took part in at least one of our Tuesday evening drives, compared

		<p>with 201 playing online the previous year. There has been a slight tailing off of support over the year, but we generally still manage to have nine tables to provide a Mitchell movement.</p> <p>The club again entered five teams for the county's teams of eight competition.</p> <p><b>Teaching</b></p> <p>Andrew Scott continued teaching beginners, with two classes on Mondays.</p> <p>Graham Brindley gave many years of service both to the club and to the County Association and, following his untimely passing after a short illness, he is missed in many ways. However his sayings will continue to echo at tables, especially for those who deny their four card major. Graham made a major contribution to supervised play and teaching of improvers, and the trustees are reviewing what can be offered to fill the resulting gaps.</p> <p>The Wednesday evening ACOL drives have incorporated a variety of teaching aimed specifically at consolidating beginners' knowledge and preparing them for playing in other club drives.</p> <p>During the lockdowns, Andrew Scott provided coaching sessions in a variety of ways. These have now become a regular Thursday afternoon session for those who are no longer beginners and wish to improve their bridge.</p> <p><b>Financial Position</b></p> <p>Considerable maintenance work was carried out during the year. This included: roof repair, paving to the front of the building, installation of multiple electric sockets both inside and outside the office, replacement of sound system, a radiator inside the office and a replacement water heater in the ladies toilets.</p> <p>Our day-to-day expenditure has also been higher than in previous years. There have been several events, notably to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and fund-raising in support of Ukraine, where the club provided free food to players. The club sponsored five members to attend the EBED course for directors.</p> <p>Our move away from cash continued with a very smooth transition to taking contactless</p>
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		<p>payments in the bar. Payments to suppliers are made by bank transfer and refunds to members are made either by bank transfer or via credits in the cashless system.</p> <p>The holding in cash and bank accounts declined by £725 over the year. The accounts, which are prepared on an accruals basis, show a deficit for the year of £6,485. This reflects depreciation charges (i.e. past expenditure spread over several years) of £4,000 and pre-payments under the cashless system of £2,400.</p> <p><b>Social</b></p> <p>A group of members, led by Marian Donaldson, has provided the catering for a number of events during the year, including our celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p><b>Directing</b></p> <p>The club paid for five members to be trained as Club Directors on the EBED course, also hosting the course at the club. As well as helping the club expand its range of face-to-face drives, they will also no doubt be of value to other clubs where they play.</p> <p><b>Risk Register</b></p> <p>During the year, the trustees embarked on a programme to establish a Risk Register for the club. This highlighted a need - evidenced by the hiatus caused by the pandemic - to draw up a series of procedures detailing how things are done at the club. These range from maintenance of the defibrillator to how to use the scoring program for drives, and much more besides. This work is expected to continue throughout the coming year.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	No going concern issues. Due to the ongoing rental income from the flats above the bridge playing premises (supported by reserves), the CIO has sufficient funds to cover its costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No going concern issues. Due to the ongoing rental income from the flats above the bridge playing premises (supported by reserves), the CIO has sufficient funds to cover its costs.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The main sources of income are rental income for the flats on the top floors of the CIO's premises and the nominal table money payable for each session.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Where the CIO has surplus funds, there is an investment policy which allows for these funds to be invested on a short term basis, but at minimal/no risk.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Bridge has a reducing following in the country and the trustees are mindful of the need to always be seeking to attract new entrants to the game.</p> <p>The rental income from the flats provides a buttress to the activities of the CIO as was proved in the pandemic. Reserves are maintained as a safeguard against tenants who fall into arrears and any necessary refurbishment. The trustees expect that expenditure will be required in the coming years to improve the energy efficiency ratings of the flats.</p>

Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by members

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Nottingham Bridge Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170537
Charity's principal address	401 Mansfield Road Nottingham NG5 2DP

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Goddard	President		
2	David Dunford	Chairman		
3	Philip Gross	Treasurer		
4	Gerard McCormack			
5	Stefka Samus			
6	Susanna Hollins			
7	Marc Gaudart			
8	David Treharne			
9	Pauline Payne		Until 20 March 2022	
10	Andrew Scott			
11	Paul Goodwin		From 20 March 2022	
12	Wilfrid Fenwick		From 20 March 2022	
13	Jean McKee		From 20 March 2022	
14	Margaret Litchfield		From 20 March 2022	
15	Melvyn Shepherd		Until 20 March 2022	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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David Harold Dunford

Mark Christopher Goddard

Position (e.g. Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chairman

President

Date

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